GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3012
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H.I.V. TESTS FOR ARMY PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether armed forces personnel who are tested HIV positive have not been given extension in service after their minimum term;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the personnel are liable to be tested HIV test before granting extension in service;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to streamline the system?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. As per Armed Forces Medical policy, cases with HIV positive are unfit for extension of serviceon account of their low medical category. Extension in service is granted to personnel in the All Fit medical category, only.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. As per National AIDS policy, it is not a part of the mandatory medical examination.

(e) The HIV surveillance and AIDS Control Policy of Armed Forcesis based on National Policy for Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS.